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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, SY
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: REPORT OF NEW RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FORD TRUC
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IN TRANSCONTINENTAL SHIPMENTS

REF: A. STATE 115530; B. AMMAN 4111

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AUSTRIAN EMBASSY HERE THAT SIX FORD TRUCKS, OWNED BY AUSTRIAN FIRM, HAVE BEEN HELD UP AT SYRIAN PORT OF TARTOUS. AUSTRIAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SAUDI INVOLVEMENT.

2. EMBASSY RAISED MATTER WITH DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORT, SARG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WHO WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC PROBLEM. SARG PRACTICE NORMALLY ALLOWS TRANSIT OF FORD TRUCKS AFTER ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE LETTER FROM MINISTRY.

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3. PRIVATE FREIGHT FORWARDING SOURCE INDICATED THAT WHILE "NOTHING OFFICIAL" HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED, HE WAS AWARE "INFORMALLY" THAT TRANSIT OF FORD TRUCKS THROUGH THE PORT OF TARTOUS HAD BEEN RESTRICTED FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS. SAME SOURCE ALSO OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT TRANSIT BY FORD TRUCKS THAT ENTER SYRIA VIA PORT OF TRIPOLI IN LEBANON WAS NOT RPT NOT RESTRICTED.

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4. AUSTRIAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT SARG MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE HAD ISSUED A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THESE SIX FORD TRUCKS TO PROCEED. ATTACHE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT REQUEST WILL BE APPROVED, BUT NOTED THAT LETTER APPLIED ONLY TO THIS PARTICULAR CASE.

5. COMMENT: AUSTRIAN EXAMPLE CITED ABOVE SUGGESTS THAT ACTION BY OWNER OF TRUCKS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HIS EMBASSY MAY BE BEST MEANS TO RESOLVE SUCH QUESTIONS. THIS PARTICULAR CASE APPEARS TO BE ON WAY TO RESOLUTION BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ITS PROGRESS THROUGH AUSTRIAN EMBASSY WITH VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER ANY FURTHER INTERVENTION ON OUR PART WOULD BE USEFUL.
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